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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Dear Sir:

In Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Examiner summarizes the nature of Applicant's remarks as in overcoming the prior art as the reason for allowance. Applicant respectfully traverses this potentially limiting statement for several reasons. First, it is the combination of elements specifically as recited in each of the claims that determine the allowability over art. Selecting any one or two elements while ignoring the remainder could unfairly and improperly limit the scope of the invention claimed. Second, Examiner's summary is not an exact recitation of the allowed language of the claim and therefore could improperly be used to characterize the claimed invention in a way not intended and explicitly written by Applicant and allowed by the PTO.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a restatement of reasons for allowance in item number 2 on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability, essentially as follows: "It is the combination of all of the limitations in each allowed claim that are not taught, found, or suggested in the prior art of record, that are evidence of allowability over the prior art."

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